

# HUS HAPPENINGS

June 2008

## FATHER'S DAY



The first celebration of Father's Day is thought to have been in July 1908, in Fairmont, West Virginia. Grace Golden Clayton suggested the special observance to her pastor after a deadly explosion in a nearby town killed 361 men.

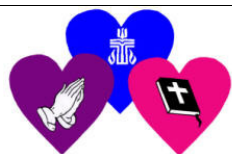
Soon after, Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, wanted to show her gratitude to her father, who'd cared for the family after his wife died. Dodd asked her pastor to choose a June Sunday to honor all fathers, and he selected June 19, 1910.

In 1924, President Coolidge suggested that Father's Day become a national holiday. In 1966, President Johnson designated the third Sunday of June to be Father's Day. Six years later, President Nixon instituted Father's Day as a national observance.

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## Hus Presbyterian Church Child Protection Policy and Procedures



### CHILD PROTECTION POLICY AND PROCEDURES



Hus Presbyterian Church  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Jesus clearly affirmed the great importance of children when He took a little child in His arms and said in Mark 9:37, *"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."* And again when He said in Mark 10:14, *"Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."*

On April 15, 2008, after several months of readings and debate the Hus Presbyterian Church Session approved a draft of the **Hus Presbyterian Church Child Protection Policy and Procedures**. This document was originally created with the assistance of the Presbytery of East Iowa, lawyers and Guide One Insurance. It is the responsibility of the Session to ensure the safety and security of our children because there is a real and present risk of abuse to children in today's society that extends to churches. A sound child protection policy can substantially reduce the risk to our children and the possible liability of our church.

The session would now like the input of the congregation, especially the parents and volunteers that help with the different children's ministries, in finalizing the policy and procedures. Copies will be available in the narthex beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>. Everyone is encouraged to take a copy and provide feedback to the Session. The Session will address the feedback received before finalizing the **Hus Presbyterian Church Child Protection Policy and Procedures** at the next session meeting on June 17, 2008.

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

2	Lisa McAtee
3	Emmy Turkington
4	Jack Funcke
4	Max Trotman
7	Helen Faltis
7	Lydia Raim
11	Larry Hess
18	Tina Currie
18	Anita Koopman
21	Michele Raim
25	Valerie Atkinson
27	Sabrina Porter
30	Tom Currie



## ANNIVERSARIES

12	Richard & Janet Ransom	1966
23	Mitchell & Amanda Trotman	2001

## Ushers & Greeters



### June 1<sup>st</sup>

Betty Svoboda	Eulalia Johnson
Eldie Svoboda	Helen Anderson

### June 8<sup>th</sup>

Dot Harrelson	Joan Cross
Eleanor Harville	Marlus Grimm

### June 15<sup>th</sup>

Betty Svoboda	Grace Ford
Eldie Svoboda	Ruby Warren

### June 22<sup>nd</sup>

Betty Svoboda	Judy McLaskey
Eldie Svoboda	Mac McLaskey

### June 29<sup>th</sup>

BOOM Sunday

"I have had prayers answered — most strangely so some times — but I think our heavenly Father's loving-kindness has been even more evident in what he has refused me."

—Lewis Carroll

## CONGRATULATIONS



TO OUR  
GRADUATES!

### Christopher Page

Christopher Page has graduated from the University of Dubuque on December 14, 2007 with double major. He is the son of Doug and Cindy Page. Christopher graduated in only 3 ½ years of college. One of Christopher's degrees is a Bachelor of Science in Flight Operations (pilot) and the other is a Bachelor of Science in Aviation Management. As part of these degrees, Christopher obtained the following FAA licensees: Private Pilot, Instrument Pilot and Commercial Pilot. He also received a FAA rating in Multi-Engine Aircraft and FAA Endorsements in High Performance Aircraft and Complex Aircraft. Christopher is completing his CFI (Certified Flight Instructor) license post-graduation this spring. Christopher graduated with Honors and was on the Dean's list all 7 semesters that he was in college. He graduated with a 3.87 GPA. Christopher was inducted into the Alpha Chi Academic Society. In

addition to Christopher flight training and course work he was an active member of the Campus Ministry program and attended a mission trip to Ecuador in February 2005. Christopher also maintained employment while in college at a Hy-Vee and at Menard's in Dubuque.

Christopher is actively looking for a full time job and hopes to either flight instruct or work as an air traffic controller as he builds flight hours to be hired by an airline or freight carrier as a pilot.

Congratulations Christopher!



## From the Pastor's Desk

### Setting goals

by Crown Financial Ministries

Anyone who has done much counseling will attest to the fact that those who are successful in any field are the goal setters. Their desire to achieve is coupled with discipline. This combination is essential to being successful in anything, including Christianity.

#### Scriptural case for setting goals

*"The mind of man plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps"* (Proverbs 16:9). Obviously, no one has a complete picture of God's will for life. It's a day-to-day process, but God promises us guidance to keep us on track if we're willing to listen. The prerequisite to receiving God's guidance is the willingness to accept it. *"Commit your works to the Lord, and your plans will be established"* (Proverbs 16:3).

#### Spiritual Goals

1. **Bible Study** Before any financial goals can be established, the proper spiritual goals should be developed. The best place to start is with a study of God's Word. God promises the wisdom to understand His Word if we'll spend the time to study it.
2. **Prayer** You get to know about God by studying His Word, but you get to know Him on a different level through prayer. Even Christ Himself needed to withdraw and pray to God, and certainly we need to pray just as much or



more. Set a goal to pray regularly and consistently, even if only for a few minutes a day.

3. **Church** We are admonished to spend time with other Christians. *"Not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day drawing near"* (Hebrews 10:25).
4. **Money Giving** is the external evidence of an internal spiritual condition. Even more than that, giving is an objective, measurable commitment made to God. Few promises in God's Word are as clear as those related to giving. It is the principle of sowing and reaping. *"Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully"* (2 Corinthians 9:6).

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## Dad's incredible



Author Jim Wallis tells how his young son ends telephone conversations with him. "Daddy," the boy says, "I love you, I like you and you're incredible."

What makes an "incredible" father? It isn't as difficult as it might seem. Children, of course, aren't awed by the size of your paycheck, office or retirement account. Instead, it's the simple, everyday gestures that make you a No. 1 dad.

In *Stories for the Family's Heart*, Steve Stephens offers some sure-fire ways to be incredible in your kids' eyes:

- Play tic-tac-toe and hide-and-seek.
- Be consistent.
- Buy ice cream cones.
- Don't discipline in anger.
- Count stars together.
- Pray with (and for) your children.
- Hug and say "I love you" often.

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### Family Goals

1. Marriage Once the previous goals have been reached individually, they must become a part of your partnership with your spouse. A minimum goal with which to start should be to read a few verses of Scripture together regularly and to pray together for your family.
2. Children As Christian parents, we should teach our children God's principles. With very young children, study and prayer are relatively easy habits to develop in the family. Start with a good children's Bible guide and pray for each other. With older children, read a brief devotional at the breakfast or dinner table, and set aside a few minutes to pray together.

### Financial Goals

Woven in among every other area of goal setting and planning is the financial area. The one overriding goal must be that our lifestyles are glorifying to God. A minimum goal should be for husband and wife to set aside one full day (alone) to do some financial goal planning.

### Conclusion

"Success" goals that are set to soothe our fears or feed our egos are doomed to failure. *"You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures"* (James 4:3). Be certain that whatever goals you're setting are compatible with God's Word.

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## A HISTORY OF HUS MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PART 8 CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.

ADAPTED FROM A HISTORICAL TREATISE WRITTEN BY CHARLOTTE STELCIK



### DR. JOSEPH BREN'S PASTORATE

On June 4, 1919, Rev. Hlavaty, who was the pastor of Hus Memorial Presbyterian Church until 1919, resigned. The congregation tried to persuade him to remain but had to accept his resignation on June 22, 1919. He gave his last sermon on June 29, 1919. Rev. Hlavaty was succeeded by Dr. Joseph Bren of Hopkins, Minnesota. Dr. Bren, a native of Bohemia and a graduate of Union Theological Seminary in New York, was a man of scholarly mind and in his pastorate tried to encourage better Christian education of adults and children. He began his work on Sunday, December 20, 1919.

During his ministry, which lasted until 1938, he led the church in celebration various Czech historical days—Jan Hus Day on July 6<sup>th</sup>, and days for Comenius and Masaryk. Dr. Bren entertained many visitors from Czechoslovakia who lectured to the congregation—Dr. Prudky, Dr. Novak, Dr. Zilka, Dr. Krenek, Rev. John Kucera, Prof. Kozak, and Rec. Hornicek are some who came. Since the church was interested the religious life of the old country, it gave a great deal of money for the support of that work.

The Lord's Supper was served a little differently in this church than in most churches. The church originally

had used one common cup. On April 24, 1921, at the annual meeting, the church voted also to use the individual cups. These were donated by Mrs. Frances Caloud. The members of the congregation are served by going to the Lord's Table at the front of the main sanctuary. The first to come forward were the older people who still preferred to take the wine from the one common cup. These were followed by those who preferred individual cups.

Dr. Bren started annual banquets for fathers and sons, and for mothers and daughters. At these banquets an educational program was presented. All of these banquets, carried on for several years, were great successes.

Various other organizations were also developed during Dr. Bren's pastorate. In 1922 the need for religious education for young people was met by establishing a Saturday Religious school but the elders could not decide whether it should be taught in Czech or English. In 1921 a girls' glee club called the Hussite Club and a boys' club and a girls' club independent of the Young People's Society, were organized.

As time went on and the need for services in the Czech language declined the membership of the church grew smaller. It began with 297 members in 1920 and by

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1926 there were 222 members. The society called Esther closed its activities in 1927 but a fresh effort to organize the Boy Scouts was made. During the annual meeting on January 12, 1928, the members of the church voted to purchase hymn books in English for the Sunday School. Then in 1932, during Easter Week the elders decided to hold an occasional service in English. Also during the week of October, 1932, out of a month of services, one was to be in English. It was found that the English services were best attended. By 1933 the church membership was 194.

Until 1923, the confirmation class of young people was conducted in the Czech language. The young people had to learn the short catechism, the commandments, and the Apostles Creed in Czech. In 1924 the elders decided to hold the confirmation classes in English because most of the young people did not understand all the religious implications when presented in the less familiar Czech language.

Changes in the language also took place in the Sunday service. On September 16, 1934, the elders called a meeting of the congregation at which the members voted to hold English services every second Sunday of the month "for those who do not understand Czech." Since these were Sunday evening services, they were not well attended and were dropped on April 5, 1936 for lack of attendance. Even the morning church services were poorly attended and the life of the church grew weaker.

Every summer during Dr. Bren's time the church and Sunday School had a picnic on some Sunday at someone's farm. These picnics were well attended. By 1949 these church picnics had been abandoned. The church now does a "Service in the Park" at Jones Park which is followed by a potluck.

The church membership continued dropping. On April 4, 1934 it fell to 167 and by April of 1938 to 162 members. The annual congregational meeting again decided that Sunday evening English services should be held the first Sunday of the month but they again proved to be poorly attended; soon afterwards they were dropped.

The young people conducted a Sunday morning service once a year with good results. They planned and were

in charge of the entire service. This continued for many years before being dropped. In the fall of 2005 the youth of the church once again began doing services; however now they do a service on the last Sunday of each month that has 5 Sundays in it, usually about 4 services a year.

On March 20, 1938, Dr. Joseph Bren offered his resignation because of his advanced age.

Because of Him ~ Terry

*PS: Don't forget to bring \$1 each week to youth group for Wolia!*

**June**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Youth serving Sunday Evening Meal at 1st Presbyterian Church, Cedar Rapids - 4 - 6 PM.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Youth Group - lesson and fellowship at 5:45 PM
- 11<sup>th</sup> Youth Group - lesson and fellowship at 5:45 PM
- 14<sup>th</sup> Hus Racing League (HRL) 2008 Season, Race # 5. Registration at 9:30 AM, racing at 10.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Flag Day
- 15<sup>th</sup> Fathers Day
- 18<sup>th</sup> Youth Group - lesson and fellowship at 5:45 PM
- 20<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Summer
- 25<sup>th</sup> Youth Group - The youth are going Family Faith Night hosted by the Cedar Rapids Kernels and Serve the City beginning at 5:30 PM with a concert
- 29<sup>th</sup> BOOM Sunday

**Every Monday:** Youth Prayer Time, 7 PM from where ever you are.

*Times are subject to change. Events not scheduled yet will be announced as far in advance as possible so you can make plans to attend.*

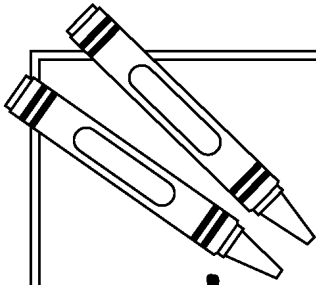
**A Moment With God**

God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless those fathers who have taken upon themselves, the responsibility of parenting. Bless those who have lost a spouse to death ... or divorce who are parenting their children alone. Strengthen them by your love that they may be and become the loving, caring persons they are meant to be. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen

-Author Unknown

By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong.

~Charles Wadworth













**Just for KIDS**

# God made the seasons

Warmer weather means summer has arrived! God's beautiful creation is always changing, and we can praise God for every season.



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*Genesis 8:22, NIV*

Answer: "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."

# SCHOOL IS OUT!



# MESSAGE BOTTLE

**Give this unusual message to a family member or friend to announce summer's arrival — and invite them to join you in some summertime fun!**

### What you need:

- Summer treasures and trinkets (see ideas below)
- Empty plastic bottle with cap
- Paper and pencil
- Ribbon or tape

### What you do:




1. With your parents, think of summertime activities and destinations. Then find, make or buy related items that will fit inside the bottle. (Note that you can also use stickers, magazine pictures or your own drawings.)

**Examples include:**

- Beach day: sand or shells
  - Camping: ingredients for s'mores
  - Vacation Bible School: biblical bookmark or VBS trinket
  - Making Popsicles: wooden craft stick
  - Going to a movie: popcorn
2. Place all your objects in the bottle.
  3. Write a letter asking someone to guess your summer plans — and inviting them to join you.
  4. Roll up your letter tightly with ribbon or tape it closed. Then place the letter inside the bottle and close with cap.
  5. Deliver your message.



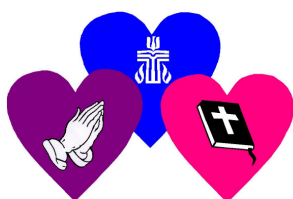
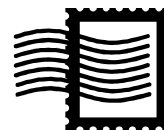
# JUNE 2008

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1  Worship Service - 9:30 AM Rev. Rich Jensen teaching Youth serving Sunday night meal at 1 <sup>st</sup> Pres. - 4 PM	2 Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	3 Quilter's - 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study - 1:30 PM	4 Youth Group - 5:45 PM Worship Team - 7:00 PM	5 Red Hat Ladies - 4 PM	6	7 Men's Breakfast at Wilson Ave HyVee - 8:30 AM
8  Worship Service - 9:30 AM Julie Lefebure teaching	9 Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	10 Quilter's - 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study - 1:30 PM	11 Youth Group - 5:45 PM Worship Team - 7:00 PM	12	13 Damska Potluck - 12 PM	14 Hus Racing League Registration - 9:30 AM Race begins - 10 AM 
15  Worship Service - 9:30 AM Joyce Faltis-Serenil teaching 	16 Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	17 Men's Breakfast at Wilson Ave HyVee - 7:30 AM Quilter's - 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study - 1:30 PM Session Meeting - 7 PM	18 Youth Group - 5:45 PM Worship Team - 7:00 PM	19	20	21
22  Worship Service - 9:30 AM Rev. George Bishop teaching	23 Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	24 Quilter's - 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study - 1:30 PM	25 Family Faith Night at Kernals Stadium - 5:30 PM	26  Lunch Bunch at Bishops - 11:30 AM Worship Team - 7:00 PM	27	28 Hus Worship Team at RPM Concert in Marion Square Park
29  Worship Service - 9:30 AM BOOM Sunday	30 Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	<div> <p><b>COMING IN AUGUST</b></p> <p><b>HUS CHURCH RUMMAGE, BAKE &amp; CRAFT SALE!</b></p> <p><b>August 21—22, 2008</b></p> </div>				

## Hus Presbyterian Church

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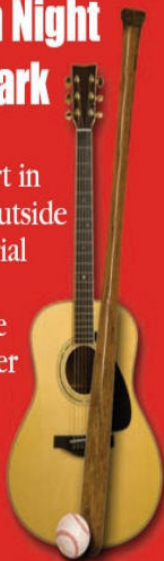
## June 2008 Hus Happenings

[www.huschurch.org](http://www.huschurch.org)

### Family Faith Night at the Ballpark

Join us for a  
Christian Concert in  
the grassy area outside  
Veteran's Memorial  
stadium prior to  
the Kernels game  
against the Timber  
Rattlers.

Tickets just  
\$10 each!



**When:** Wednesday, June 25  
Concert 5:30 pm, Pre-game  
6:30 pm, Ball Game 7:00 pm

**Where:** Veteran's Memorial Stadium  
Rockford Road, SW, CR, IA

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### Raising Praise in Marion Park

In its Fifth Year,  
Raising Praise in Marion Park  
is a **FREE** Day of Concerts  
Featuring 8 Different Bands.

Great festival food is also available  
along with a family-area complete  
with inflatables, face painting and  
baked goods.

Bring the whole family  
for a great day at the park.

**When:** Saturday, June 28  
12 noon - 9:00 pm

**Where:** Marion Square Park  
Downtown Marion, IA



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Freedom Festival Affiliated Events

### Voices of Hope Patriotic Concert



A simple message of  
God and Country  
will be shared  
while honoring  
the men and women  
who have served the  
United States.

The cantata being presented  
is *Sweet Land of Liberty*  
along with a special  
arrangement of *God Bless America*.

**When:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
July 1, 2 & 3 at 7:00 pm

**Where:** New Covenant Bible Church  
1800 46th St. NE, CR, IA  
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